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Application No. _____	<u>Customer No. 30437</u>
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Title: Design and Layout of Phase Shifting Photolithographic Masks	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants request the following amendments in the above-referenced application:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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